

## OPINION 971

*PSEUDOSCAPHIRHYNCHUS* NIKOLSKI, 1900 (PISCES): PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES

**RULING.**—(1) The generic name *Pseudoscaphirhynchus* Nikolski, 1900 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Pseudoscaphirhynchus rossikowi* Nikolski, 1900, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1955.

(2) The specific name *hermanni* Kessler, 1877, as published in the binomen *Scaphirhynchus hermanni*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2466.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1874)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. A. N. Svetovidov in January 1969. Dr. Svetovidov's application was sent to the printer on 24 January 1969 and was published on 8 August 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 93-94. The only comment received was from Dr. C. W. Sabrosky who wrote: "I have no objection to placing the name *Pseudoscaphirhynchus* on the Official List, but I do object strenuously to adding junior primary homonyms (*Kessleria*) to the Official Index. They are forever invalid and adding them to the Index will in no way make them deader. It would be simple merely to call Gardiner's attention to the pre-occupation of *Kessleria* Bogdanow".

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 22 March 1971 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (71)4 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 94. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 22 June 1971 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fourteen (14), received in the following order: Mayr, Holthuis, Melville, Lemche, Vokes, Tortonese, Alvarado, Simpson, Jaczewski, Binder, Bonnet, Kraus, Brinck, Starobogatov

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): Forest, Munroe, Ride

Dr. E. Eisenmann did not vote. In returning their votes Commissioners Lemche, Vokes, Jaczewski, Sabrosky and Starobogatov objected to the addition of *Kessleria* to the Official Index. Dr. Sabrosky also commented as follows: "*Pseudoscaphirhynchus* and *P. hermanni* (Kessler) are valid names without action by the Commission. Are the Official Lists to be piled high with *all* valid names? That would be an insufferable lot of bookwork."

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:  
*hermanni*, *Scaphirhynchus*, Kessler, 1877, Ryby *Aralo-kaspo-ponticheskoi oblasti* : 190, Tab. 8, fig. 25

*Pseudoscaphirhynchus* Nikolski, 1900, *Ann. Mus. zool. Acad. Sci. Pétersb.*  
5 (1-2) : 257

## CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (71)4 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted with the exception of para. (3) and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 971.

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*London*

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